

II. REMARKS

A. Status

These amendments and remarks are responsive to the non-final Office Action issued on August 22, 2007. Claims 1-14, 16-18, and 21-23 were pending at the time of the last Office Action, of which claims 1, 8, 11, 12, 16, and 21 are independent.

The Office Action objected to claims 16-18 and 21-23 for informalities. Office Action at 2. Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the control processor 30 on page 10, lines 5-8 of the specification, does not reasonably provide enablement for the control means of claims 8-10. *Id.* at 2-3. Claims 1-14, 16-18 and 21-23 are allowable over the prior art of record. *Id.* at 3-5.

In this amendment, claims 16, 21, and 22 have been amended and claims 8-10 have been cancelled. Care has been exercised not to introduce new matter.

B. Objections Are Overcome

The Office Action objected to claims 16-18 and 21-23 for informalities. Office Action at 2. In response, the claims are amended per the Examiner's suggestion. Amendment at 5-7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

C. § 112 Rejections Are Moot

In the Office Action, claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. *Id.* at 2-3. Claims 8-10 are cancelled. Amendment at 3. Hence, the rejections are moot.

D. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14, 16-18 and 21-23 are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for so indicating.

The Office Action included a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Office Action 3-5. Although Applicants agree that the claims are patentable over the art, entry of the Statement into the record should not necessarily be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the particular reasoning set forth in the Statement, particularly to the extent if any that the wording used in the Statement may differ from the actual claim language and/or the otherwise proper interpretation of the claim language in view of the specification and prosecution history.

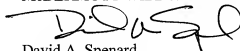
III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner give the application favorable reconsideration and permit it to issue as a patent. If the Examiner believes that the application can be put in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants representatives listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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